

# ***Kenko Shimbun***

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## **Commanding Officer's Welcome**

It is my pleasure to present to you the first "Kenko Shimbun" of 2009!

In this issue we provide information on important training opportunities, celebrate our active duty, NSPS and MLC personnel in the Bravo Zulu and Awards sections and review some of the great projects USNH Yokosuka staff have taken part in this year such as Children's Dental Health Month activities, the Women's History Month celebration and the blood drive. Also included is information on upcoming activities such as the Family Readiness Group (FRG) meetings and the command's Spring Fiesta.

We have already made some great memories this year, and plenty more are on the horizon. But, as I'm sure you all are aware, we are facing a challenging summer.

Numerous staff turnovers combined with continued and increased staff deployments to support the Navy's worldwide efforts mean we all will have to step up our efforts to ensure we are providing the best possible care for our patients. We must never lose sight of our mission to support the fleet, fighter and family.

As always, thank you for all you do. I look forward to working with the dedicated and talented USNH Yokosuka staff to continue to provide the finest patient and family centered care for our beneficiaries.

Capt. Kevin Moore, MC, USN  
Commanding Officer

## **Changes to EMT-B Training**

The command's emergency medical technician, basic (EMT-B), training program saves lives by teaching students how to render care in a pre-hospital setting. It is a course that is critically important to providing emergency care, and to anyone wishing to pursue a career in emergency medical services.

USNH Yokosuka currently offers EMT-B, enabling staff to learn a variety of skills ranging from treating breathing problems to managing serious injuries. After undergoing this training, attendees will be prepared to respond to any kind of medical condition they may encounter.

While the goal of EMT-B will always remain the same, the program has recently undergone one big change: it has been extended from 18 training days to 24. This will give students more time to study and it will allow more time for hands-on learning and drills. Throughout the course, students will take many tests, including a hands-on practical application that verifies that they do have the skills needed to help in a field setting, and having ample study time is a key to success in EMT-B.

This course is also an integral part of preparing for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) certification test, a difficult exam required to earn certification on the national level. By extending the training, USNH Yokosuka hopes to better prepare those going into the field of emergency medical services.

Please see inside for the full training schedule. For more information on this or any training course, please contact the staff education and training department at 243-5191.

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# COMMAND TRAINING SCHEDULE

<u>MAY</u>		<u>JUNE</u>		<u>JULY</u>	
Command O (Aud)	11-15	Command O (Aud)	8-12	Command O (Aud)	13-17
*Command Indoc (Aud)	11-12	*Command Indoc (Aud)	8-9	*Command Indoc (Aud)	13-14
*TeamSTEPPS (Aud)	12	*TeamSTEPPS (Aud)	9	*TeamSTEPPS (Aud)	14
*NP&P (Aud)	13-14, 18-19	*NP&P (Aud)	10-11	*NP&P (Aud)	15-16
*Customer Relations (Aud)	14	*Customer Relations (Aud)	11	*Customer Relations (Aud)	16
*Restraint (Aud)	15	*Restraint (Aud)	12	*Restraint (Aud)	17
*NCL (2F)	15	*NCL (2F)	12	*NCL (2F)	17
*Provider O (Med Lib)	15	*Provider O (Med Lib)	12	*Provider O (Med Lib)	17
*AWARE (2B7)	15	*AWARE (Aud)	12	*AWARE (Aud)	17
HMSB (2F)	18-19	HMSB (2F)	15-16	HMSB (2F)	20-21
TCCC (2F)	20-22	TCCC-I(1F)	16	TCCC (2F)	22-24
BLS-TSF(2F)	28-29	TCCC (2F)	17-19	ACLS-I (2F)	15-17
BLS-I(2F)	28-29	BLS-HP(1F)	12,26	ACLS-P (2F)	16-17
BLS-HP(2F)	1, 29	EKG-B(1F)	11-12	BLS-HCP (1F)	10, 24
ACLS-I (2F)	6-8	ADAMS (Aud)	18	EKG-B (1F)	30-31
ACLS-P (2F)	7-8	DTR Trng (1F)	1	NRP (Aud)	8-9
PALS-I (1F)	13-15	EMT-CE (1F)	9, 23	ADAMS (Aud)	30
PALS-P (2F)	14-15	GMT (1F)	10, 24	DTR Trng (1F)	6
ADAMS (Aud)	21	HMA (1F)	11, 25	EMT-CE (1F)	14, 28
DTR Trng (1F)	4	NCEU (Aud)	10, 24	GMT (1F)	8, 22
EMT-CE (1F)	12, 26	Clinic Management (2F)	23	HMA (1F)	9, 23
GMT (1F)	13, 27	Dept Head Course (2F)	24, 26	NCEU (1F)	8, 22
HMA (1F)	14, 28	CME Program (Aud)	2, 16	CME Program (Aud)	7, 21
NCEU (Aud)	6, 20			Medical Effects of Ionizing Radiation Course (2F)	8-10
Clinic Management (Aud)	4				
CME Program (Aud)	19				
TA Brief (Aud)	15				
Restraint Instructor Course(2F)	27				
Perinatal Orientation and Education Program (E-22)	4-8				

## Command Training Course Times:

Command Orientation (Command O)	8 a.m.— 4 p.m.
Hospital Corpsman Skills Basic (HMSB)	8 a.m.— 4 p.m.
TeamSTEPPS	2 — 4 p.m.
Tactical Combat Casualty Care Course (TCCC)	8 a.m.— 4 p.m.
Navy Pride and Professionalism (NPP)	8 a.m.— 4 p.m./8 a.m.— 12 p.m.
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Manager/Supv (ADAMS)	8 a.m.— 12 p.m.
Customer Relations	1 — 4 p.m.
DTR Training	8 — 9 a.m.
Restraint Training	8 — 11 a.m.
Dental CE	5:30 — 8 p.m.
Nurse Continual Learning (NCL)	1 — 4 p.m.
EMT-CE	3:30 — 5 p.m.
Provider Orientation (Provider O)	1 — 3 p.m.
GMT — 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	11:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Aware Training	12 — 4 p.m.
Hospital Man Advanced (HMA)	3:30 — 5:30 p.m.
Nurse Continuing Education (NCEU) — 1st & 3rd Wednesday	4:30 — 5:30 p.m.

For more information, please call staff education and training at 243-5191.



# *What You Need to Know about the WESTPAC Medical Alliance*



Lt. Iizuka examines a patient in the family practice clinic. Photo by Richard McManus.

In support of the forward deployed operational forces in the Western Pacific, U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Guam, USNH Okinawa and USNH Yokosuka formed the WESTPAC Medical Alliance, a partnership to identify efficient, patient-centered solutions for operational health care support. This is done by incorporating all three hospitals' assets across the Pacific to develop enhanced service solutions.

The WESTPAC Medical Alliance outcome is patient and family-centered care solutions that improve the military community.

Some of the solutions include:

- Sharing personnel with unique specialties that may not be available at one of the other medical treatment facilities

- Cross leveling resources to manage short-term staffing shortages at a facility.
- Consolidating staff education and training.

These cooperative efforts mean better health care for all patients and commands.

The WESTPAC Medical Alliance offers several potential advantages as it:

- Allows consultants to be shared among the three WESTPAC facilities, reducing the need to move patients and allowing them to remain closer to home and social support networks.
- Yields higher satisfaction for patients, families and owning commands and results in decreased travel and per diem costs.
- Leads to a quicker return to duty, more training opportunities for specialists assigned to WESTPAC MTFs and improved hospital staff satisfaction.

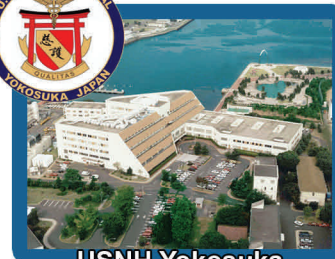
The WESTPAC Medical Alliance, through its three MTFs, provides the finest, cost-effective health services in the world to America's heroes – those who currently serve, those who have served and the family members who support them.



USNH Guam



USNH Okinawa



USNH Yokosuka

## *The WESTPAC Medical Alliance*

**USNH Guam, USNH Okinawa and USNH Yokosuka working together to identify efficient and effective patient-centered solutions for health care support.**

# OMBUDSMEN



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## Ombudsman Welcome

Welcome to your new home! Be sure to take good care of yourself by getting enough rest, asking plenty of questions and taking plenty of notes. Please do not hesitate to ask for any information referrals that you might need. The ombudsmen are here to assist you!

## What is an Ombudsman?

The ombudsman is a volunteer, chosen by the commanding officer, that is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. An ombudsman is a spouse of an active duty or selected reserve member assigned to the command who serves as the official liaison between the command and its families. The ombudsman assists the commanding officer in maintaining the morale and welfare of the command's active duty service members and families.

## What does an Ombudsman do?

The ombudsman acts as an advocate for families and single sailors. They help to disseminate accurate information regarding command policies, available services and deployments. The ombudsman is a confidential point of contact for families and single sailors and can refer those who need assistance to the appropriate agency for questions, concerns, help or intervention, according to OPNAVINST 1750.1F

## What does an Ombudsman not do?

The ombudsman is not a trained counselor or social worker; however, the ombudsman can show Sailors and their families the way to solve problems or get assistance. They are here to assist the USNH Yokosuka family member and will help to smooth out any difficulties.

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# Welcome



**DR. HASEGAWA**



**DR. MAEDA**



**DR. YUUKI**



**DR. MISAWA**



**DR. NOGUCHI**



**DR. ITO**

*Japanese Interns Class 2009~2010*

## Attention All Hospital Staff: Don't Miss the Second Annual JSDF-USNH Softball Game and Spring Fiesta!

The Second Annual JSDF-USNH Softball Game and Spring Fiesta will be Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come out for this day of fun and festivities that will include games, prizes and entertainment for all ages.

Sign ups are underway for two USN softball teams. Contact Lt. Cmdr. Sean Skelton at [sean.skelton@med.navy.mil](mailto:sean.skelton@med.navy.mil) or Hospitalman Dominick Ciampo at [dominick.campo@med.navy.mil](mailto:dominick.campo@med.navy.mil) to find out if spaces are still available. Family members are welcome to participate.

For more information on the Second Annual JSDF-USNH Softball Game and Spring Fiesta, please contact Lt. Robert Senko at [robert.senko@med.navy.mil](mailto:robert.senko@med.navy.mil).

### Second Annual JSDF-USNH Softball Game and Spring Fiesta Schedule of Events

0900 - 0930	JSDF members arrive
0930 - 1000	Team warm up at main softball field
1030 - 1200	First softball game
1300 - 1400	Individual augmentee ceremony and command hail and farewell
1400 - 1530	Second softball game
1530 - 1700	Closing remarks



In the event of rain, all festivities will be moved to Thew Gym. Please bring soft-soled shoes for volleyball.

# Bravo Zulu

I wish to recognize the great service by **Lt. Cmdr. Redmer** in BHC Atsugi. I took my son in to be seen for frequent nose bleeds and she made a consult for me to have him seen by ENT in Yokosuka. I did not reach ENT until the next week and the consult had expired by that time. I went in and asked if she could put it back in the system and she did with out having to make an appointment again. As with past appointments, **Lt. Cmdr. Redmer** was very professional and kind to my son and myself during the appointment and while assisting with the consult.

My MEDEVAC office in Iwakuni did not properly set up billeting for my 13-month-old son and I. When we found the Trinity Hotel, where we were supposed to be booked, it was closed and we came to the duty desk at USNH Yokosuka. The two sailors on duty, **Hospitalman 1<sup>st</sup> Class Bunying** from radiology and **Hospitalman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Brown** from orthopedics, went to great lengths to ensure we had billeting. I sincerely appreciate their extra efforts to help us.

**Mr. Suzuki's** omelet is wonderful! It is same level of three-star hotels.

Great customer service! Took time away from lunch to help out. Followed up throughout day to ensure I received my glasses on same day. Great job **Boatswain's Mate Seaman Myrtill**!



Hospitalman Rachel Ross. Photo by Kaz Watanabe.

**Hospitalman Rachel Ross'** attitude was far beyond excellent. She was outstanding! From the time she met me at the airport until we arrived at the base, her commitment to ensuring that all my questions were answered and needs were met was phenomenal. I wanted to let you know that **Hospitalman Ross** truly deserves a Bravo Zulu because she truly represented USNH Yokosuka and the MEDEVAC department well.

**Cmdr. Amaya** is an amazing provider that not only takes time for his patients, but also teaches his corpsmen how to help and better take care of the patients/parents by example and by instruction. **Hospitalman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Johnson** and **Hospitalman Schneck** went above and beyond in their efforts to ensure that my daughters were able to receive care on short notice. Bravo Zulu to the Negishi Clinic and the exceptional staff members, notably **Cmdr. Amaya, Hospitalman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Johnson** and **Hospitalman Schneck**.

My son, husband and I had a couple of appointments with **Cmdr. Mark Russell** in MCAS Iwakuni, Japan. My husband and I can't say enough good things about **Cmdr. Russell**. He connects well with teenagers, in addition to bringing the parents and child together to accomplish a goal and come to an agreeable solution and plan of action. His composure and approachability really made my son feel like he could talk on an unrestricted level with **Cmdr. Russell**. My son valued his insight and seemed to take his opinions into consideration when making his own conclusions and decisions. On several occasions I have recommended **Cmdr. Russell** to different Marine Corps families on our base and all thought he was outstanding. I have worked in the health care field for more than 12 years, seen many children and families in crisis situations, worked with many mental health professionals and **Cmdr. Russell** outshines all those that I have met and worked with. He is an invaluable member of our community and a necessary part of family readiness.

Going into this appointment I was very nervous and scared. **Hospitalman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Ferrer** assured me that it was an easy procedure and that I did not have anything to worry about. He was very personable and has a very nice attitude. He made me feel comfortable and relaxed.

Both arrival and departure were great. My stay here was very nice. Thank you for making this trip worry free. Our driver, **Mr. Sugano**, and MEDEVAC here are awesome. Very punctual!

**Lt. Cmdr. Bleile, Lt. Carle, Hospitalman Schuster, and Ms. Fukuda** were all very courteous and went above and beyond in helping me schedule numerous operative and restorative procedures to my various teeth in preparation for extended deployment to Vietnam. I am so thankful for their professionalism. They all should be commended.

**Hospitalman Apprentice Hevener** did a very thorough job going over all of the food service topics. I liked that he trained using different training slides, PowerPoint, video, game show, pop quiz and pre-test. I think it was very helpful to trying to remember all of the information because of the different learning styles. I thought it was a very worthwhile class and I am excited about getting the training materials from **Hospitalman Apprentice Hevener**. Thank you.



# Bravo Zulu

I can not thank **Lt. j.g. O'Connor** enough for her help with an assault case as I had multiple questions and she was willing to come to the ER to assist me with part of the exam. In addition, **Lt. j.g. McAlarnen** and **Hospitalman Lundberg** were incredibly professional with helping me in the ER, as were the rest of the corpsmen who would ask if I needed anything anytime I opened the exam room door. It made for a much easier time during this work-up. You have very professional staff members in the ER and Family Practice!

Every interaction I have had with **Lt. Freeman** and her department has been exceptional. I have had the privilege to see her staff members in action with AC/ventilation issues, communication requests and general Q&A. Every single time I have called upon her, the response has been timely and courteous. It is extremely reassuring to know that her knowledgeable and reliable staff members are ready to assist.

The staff members on Ward 5B made my stay very enjoyable. **Hospitalman Apprentice Walker** and **Hospitalman Apprentice Weller** were a big help along with my nurses **Lt. j.g. Bastable** and **Ensign Parker**. BRAVO ZULU to the entire Ward 5B staff.

I have had the best patient care when I went to pharmacy. **Hospitalman Zhang** was very professional and motivated to help. This was the best pharmacy care ever!!! Thank you.

**Ms. LaDonna** of the appointment booking area has the best customer service I have dealt with in my 22 years of service. She did not ask probing questions and I felt as if my needs were important to her and she went to out of her way to meet them. Awesome employee! Thank you.

Our thanks to **Lt. Lovelace**. She is caring, professional and thorough. It was a pleasure for my wife and I to have been patients of hers. I can't thank her enough.

I wanted to express my thanks to **Lt. Cmdr. Insley** in the dermatology clinic. She gave a lot of her time to help me with my care, even at times when I did not have a scheduled appointment. She made herself available and also ensured I would have any necessary help while she was TAD. I genuinely appreciate her level of professionalism and honest, caring attitude.

I took my 4 year old to the dentist today and **Mrs. Maley**, the dental assistant, was truly PHENOMENAL!!! She was warm, patient and extremely friendly. My son absolutely adored her. She brushed and flossed his teeth and not a negative peep came out of him. She is truly a wonderful addition to the dental staff.



Hospitalman Salas. Photo by Kaz Watanabe.

A big thanks to orthopedics' **Hospitalman Salas**, who helped me today with an open attitude and helpful manner. I am comfortable again because he took a few minutes to be open to my need. Many thanks!

**Lt. James Estoesta**, **Hospitalman Tia Walston** and **"Alabama" Hospitalman Apprentice Justin Johnson**. Thank you for the excellent care you provided for me and my family. You spent so much time taking care of me and "Bean" that we thought that we would buy you guys lunch one night! Enjoy!

In my six-day stay, all of the hospital staff members were very professional and supportive in my recovery period. My vote for corpsman of the week is **Hospitalman 3rd Class Dimengo Smith**. He seemed to be a very outstanding and distinguished sailor and I wanted to give him a Bravo Zulu based on professional knowledge and dedication to his patients.

I would like to recognize **Lt. John Hoyos** of the OB/GYN clinic. He always does a fabulous job taking care of new OB patients, but today he went above and beyond. We saw a new OB patient in family practice and found that she had unknowingly miscarried. Because of her blood type she require additional testing and injection. I was not familiar with the process and asked him for help. He immediately said, "bring her up, I will take care of it." His generosity to help me and help this patient made my day. When I escorted the patient up to him, he was waiting at the desk for her and greeted her with a smile and open arms. I could immediately see the relief in this grieving patient's face because of **Lt. Hoyos's** welcome. BRAVO ZULU **Lt. Hoyos**.

# Awards

## Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal

Cmdr. Cleary  
Cmdr. Nadkarni  
Cmdr. Tindle  
Lt. Cmdr. Delacruz  
Lt. Cmdr. Riss  
Lt. Cmdr. Williams  
Lt. Cmdr. Karovic  
Lt. Gotto  
Lt. Grass  
Lt. Harmon  
Lt. Ricci  
Lt. Van Zee  
HMC Caguioa  
HMC Gravina  
HMCS Gotautas  
SHCM Cobb  
HM1 Brock  
HM1 Bunying  
HM1 Conlin  
HM1 Rudy

HM2 Brock  
PC2 Danbom  
HM3 Alfaro  
HM3 Chavez  
HM3 Dang  
HM3 Giles  
HM3 Hsu  
HM3 Irizarry  
HM3 Magalong  
HM3 Manilla  
HM3 Mccurdy  
HM3 Moses  
HM3 Purdy  
HM3 Robison  
HM3 Soriano  
HM3 Tran  
HM3 Tunake  
HM3 Venegas  
HM3 Vermette  
HM3 Williams  
HM3 Sanford  
HM3 Amie  
HM3 Paje  
HM3 Rush  
HM3 Wagner  
BM3 Royall  
HN Bernardino  
HN Borel  
HN Cabalbag  
HN Tucke

## Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal

Lt. Cmdr. Bryant  
Lt. Aull  
Lt. Beltejar  
Lt. Bryant  
Lt. Carle  
Lt. Christiansen  
Lt. Hoang  
Lt. Las Dulce  
Lt. Orgill  
EMCS Billedo  
HMC Bacon  
HM1 Ancheta  
HM1 Holloway  
HM1 Ortega  
HM1 Rivera  
HM1 Vidal  
HM1 Gordon  
HM1 Marchant  
HM2 Elliott  
HM2 Abasta  
HM2 Demler  
HM2 Fox  
HM2 Francisco  
HM2 Gagarin  
HM2 Lopez  
HM2 Mccurdy

## Flag Letter of Commendation

AD1 Sargent  
HM1 Flores  
HM2 Kamara  
HM3 Punzalan  
HM3 Torres  
HN Bangalon  
HN Cain  
BMSN Myrtill

## Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Award

HM1 Mancia  
HM1 Rogers  
HM2 Brock  
HM2 Vargas  
HM2 Brock



# Events

## Yokosuka Hosts Armed Services Blood Drive

By Mass Communication Specialist Seaman Charles Oki, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Det. Japan



Hospitalman 3rd Class Philip Solt gives a donation at the March 31 blood drive at USNH Yokosuka. Photo by Richard McManus.

YOKOSUKA, Japan (NNS) -- Sailors at Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka (CFAY) participated in the Armed Services Blood Drive (ASBD) at U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Yokosuka March 31.

The blood drive aims to collect blood for use in the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility (AOR) for approximately 175,000 service members, beneficiaries and Department of Defense employees.

According to the Armed Services Blood Program (ASBP) Web site, every time a service member is injured in combat, they may require up to 40 units of blood. This means blood donations must be in good supply.

"What we're hoping for is to get at least 50 units per day," said 1st Lt. Edward Griffin, deputy director, U.S. Pacific Command Armed Services Blood Bank Center. "Yesterday we were on the [USS] George Washington and we got 60; today we're on pace to get 50 units."

Griffin said only a small percentage of people donate blood.

"Only three to five percent of the population donates," said Griffin. "In our military community, many people are deferred because of travel history. Sometimes people show up, and for whatever reason, they may not be able to donate. It really all depends on how many deferrals we have."

According to Hospitalman Recruit Alvin Farthing from Raleigh, N.C., a fear of needles may keep potential donors from participating in blood drives like this.

"Don't be scared, it doesn't hurt," said Farthing. "Some people are scared of needles. I understand that. [But] it hurts for half a second and it's done."

All blood collected during the drive will go straight to medical facilities, deployed units, and military hospitals in the 7th Fleet AOR.

"The 175,000 people that [the blood drive] supports are active-duty members, beneficiaries and DOD civilians," Griffin explained. "If you work in the Pacific or if your family is in the Pacific, your blood might go back to someone you know."

The ASBP was formed over 50 years ago to provide blood for the military during peacetime and war. The program works to collect, process, distribute, and transfuse blood worldwide.

For more news from Commander Fleet Activities Yokosuka, visit [www.navy.mil/local/cfay/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cfay/).

## USNH Yokosuka Celebrates Red Cross Month

Hospital chair for the American Red Cross (ARC) Aletta Hizer and ambulatory procedure unit nurse Beverly Snyder helped the hospital celebrate Red Cross Month in March by setting up an informational booth on the quarterdeck. The two provided information on volunteer opportunities, Red Cross community services, available courses and how people can get involved and make a difference in Yokosuka.

"The American Red Cross is important because it offers help for almost any need and it is recognized worldwide," said Hizer.

Some of the training available locally through the Yokosuka American Red Cross is adult, infant and child CPR/AED and first aid and babysitter's training. Additionally, the chapter started offering dog first aid and "I'm in Charge" training to show children how to responsibly behave while they are home alone.

The Red Cross provides valuable services to the communities it serves, but it also provides something for its volunteers.

"The skills you pick up volunteering with the Red Cross will help you throughout your life," said Hizer.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call the American Red Cross at 243-7490.



Aletta Hizer and Beverly Snyder pose by the American Red Cross booth at USNH Yokosuka. Photo by Richard McManus.

## Women's History Month

The Command Heritage Committee held a special celebration honoring USNH Yokosuka's women staff during the annual Women's History Month celebration in March.

Dressed to impress, the male members of the committee recognized the contributions of women by serving USNH Yokosuka's female active duty, MLC and NSPS personnel breakfast. More than 150 women enjoyed the fresh pancakes, sausage and bagels.



Some members of the Command Heritage Committee, from left to right: Chief Poserio, Lt. Senko, Hospitalman 3rd Class Henning, Hospitalman 3rd Class Strickland, Hospitalman Fernandez and Hospitalman Lynn. Photo by Richard McManus.



Some of those honored during Women's History Month. Photo by Richard McManus.

Thank you to the men and women of the Command Heritage Committee:

- Hospitalman Rushunda Anderson
- Hospitalman Joshua Cuevas
- Hospitalman Jasmin Davila
- Hospitalman Gregory Fernandez
- Hospitalman Recruit Allyson Flores
- Lt. Neva Fuentes
- Hospitalman 3rd Class Tiffany Gilchrist
- Hospitalman Daniel Harmon
- Hospitalman 3rd Class Clarence Henning
- Hospitalman 3rd Class Kainasha Johnson
- Hospitalman Brian Lynn
- Hospitalman Nicholas Mann
- Hospitalman 3rd Class Maria Munoz-Hernandez
- Boatswain's Mate Seaman Juliana Myrtill
- Lt. Robert Senko
- Hospitalman 3rd Class Ardinis Strickland
- Hospitalman 3rd Class Sarah Templeman
- Hospitalman 2nd Class Gilbert Umayam
- Hospitalman 3rd Class Maritza Velasco

## Children's Dental Health Month

To celebrate Children's Dental Health Month, members from the USNH dental clinic held events geared toward children across the base throughout February. They kicked off the month with a poster contest at Sullivan's Elementary School and kept building awareness for the importance of children's dental health by performing dental screenings at the Main Community Development Center and Hourly Community Development Center, Sullivan's Elementary School, Yokosuka Middle School, Ikego Elementary, Negishi Elementary and the Yokosuka Co-Op Preschool.

This year, hospital staff screened 1,234 children. Of those screened, 153 were referred to the hospital for urgent dental needs.



USNH Yokosuka dentists perform dental screenings. Photos by Tom Watanabe.







## Process Improvement

In April, the quality management department held a conference on performance improvement and brought a little fun and excitement to this important topic by modeling the event after the television game show "Jeopardy." Two teams vied for top honors, and the esteem of being the proud Command Champions of "Jeopardy." The game's host, Roy Lockwood, the department head for quality management, kept the game rolling as teammates from the nursing services directorate (DNS) and the laboratory focused on fast reflexes and smarts to pull ahead. The game was very close as the teams moved into final "Jeopardy", but laboratory overcame the strong DNS team with a final score of 3,700. Congrats to both teams!



Process improvement "Jeopardy" winners Hospitalman 1st Class Velasquez, Lorna Malaki, Hospitalman 2nd Class Johnson and Cmdr. Walker. Photo by Richard McManus.

## 116th Birthday of the Chief Petty Officer Rank



Chief petty officers and junior enlisted personnel from USNH Yokosuka celebrated the 116th birthday of the chief petty officer rank with a special lunch and cake cutting ceremony on April 1. Pictured are Senior Chief Andico, Hospitalman Claypool, Chief Lamb, Chief Anderson and Hospitalman Recruit Green.

Did you know...

there are Family Readiness Group meetings scheduled

June 11

July 9

August 13

from 5-6 p.m. in the command auditorium





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